THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) During 1995 (from 1.1.95 to 31.7.95), 76 complaints were received by the Bureau of Indian Standards regarding the quality of BIS certified products.

(b) The complaints mainly related to the quality of BIS certified products like cement, mild steel tubes, pvc pipes, RCC pipes, electric iron, GLS lamps, batteries, biscuits, shaving blades and mattresses etc.

(c) Under the BIS Certification Marks Scheme, complaints which are found to be genuine are redressed either by way of replacement or repairs depending upon the product involved.

(d) and (e) Under the BIS Certification Mark Scheme, BIS ensures strict quality control, checks effective monitoring of the performance by the BIS licensees and whenever considered necessary, either suspends or cancels the licence. As a result, declining trend in the receipt of complaints has been observed for the corresponding periods in the last two years.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair

Statement by Minister Correcting answer to Unstarred Question 379 answered on 2nd August, 1995 regarding Denudation of forests in Eastern States

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1995 to Unstarred Question 379 regarding Denudation of forest in Eastern States. [Placed in Library. *See* LTno. 8003/95]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(I) Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

(II) Agreement regarding maintenance and development of urban links of National Highways.

(III) Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transporting)

(IV) Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Control Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 240, dated the 13th May, 1995, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Amendment Rules, 1995.

(2) G.S.R. No. 253, dated the 20th May, 1995, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Distress and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995 [Placed in Library *See* LTno. 8014/95]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Second Supplementary Agreement entered into between the President of India and the Governor of West Bengal to partially amend the Principal Agreement dated the 9th January, 1987 and First Supplementary Agreement dated the 8th June, 1988 also between the President of India and the Governor of West Bengal under section 8 of the National Highways Act, 1956 regarding maintenance and development of Urban Links of National Highways, under section 10 of the said Act.
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III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport